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SUBJECT: FY77 AND FY78 IMET - SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 3300 (NOTAL)

1. FOR RECORD HAVE NOW RECEIVED FONOFF NOTE DATED NOV 28, FORMALLY REQUESTING MILITARY TRAINING. NOTE DIVIDES REQUEST INFO FIRST PRIORITY (ESSENTIALLY SAME AS REFTTEL) AND AS SECOND PRIORITY, ONE POSITION EACH AT ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE WAR COLLEGES, TWO PLACES EACH AT FIELD ARTILLERY, CHEMICAL, ORDNANCE, QUARTERMASTER, MP, TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE OFFICER ADVANCED COURSES AND TEN POSITIONS IN GENERAL PILOT TRAINING COURSES.

2. ON BASIS CDRTRADOC FT MONROE 181840Z NOV 76 AND PREVIOUS, WE INFORMING GOS BY REPLY NOTE THAT TWO PLACES EACH BEING PROVIDED FOR SUDANESE OFFICERS IN FY 77 IN SPECIAL FORCES/RANGER, ARMOR, PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (ADJUTANT GENERAL), SIGNALS AND ENGINEERING COURSES AND THAT WE IN PROCESS SECURING ONE PLACE EACH IN FOREIGN OFFICERS INTELLIGENCE, MP AND FIELD ARTILLERY COURSES. WE ADVISING GOS THEY HAVE FIRST PRIORITY STAND-BY STATUS
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FOR INFANTRY COURSE BUT NO OPENINGS FOR AIR DEFENSE

COURSE. THIS INFO, IN EFFECT, SUMMARIZES UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED WITH MOD DIRECTOR MILITARY TRAINING BRIGEN MOHAMED HUSSAIN AL-TAHIR DURING VISIT EARLIER THIS WEEK OF LTCOL BROMAN AND ALBERT OF EUCOM J-4 STUTTGART.

3. RE FY78 PROGRAM, DCM WILL BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AFTER JAN 1 WITH AL-TAHIR SO THAT OUTLINE OF FY78 PROGRAM WILL BE READY IN TIME FOR FEBRUARY WORKSHOP AT EUCOM. AL-TAHIR HAS ALREADY SAID GOS WILL WANT ADDITIONAL SPACES IN US MILITARY SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR.

4. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY GOS WILL WANT USG FUNDING FOR ALL POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN FONOFF NOTE. WHILE I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT WE SHOULD ALLOW SUDAN IMET PROGRAM TO EXPAND SO RAPIDLY, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT IF WE ARE TO DEVELOP MAXIMUM IMPACT THIS NEW PROGRAM ON OUR OVER-LL RELATIONS TO MAINTAIN IT IN FY78 AT ABOUT SAME SIZE AS IN FY77, I.E., SOME TWENTY PLACES. SINCE MAP COURSE COSTS SCHEDULED INCREASE NEXT OCTOBER, SUDAN FY78 IMET WILL HAVE TO BE EXPANDED IN DOLLAR TERMS TO MAINTAIN REQUISITE LEVEL OF STUDENTS. OTHERWISE, GOS WILL INTERPRET REDUCED PROGRAM AS POLITICALLY NEGATIVE SIGNAL SIMILAR THAT RECEIVED YEARS AGO FROM USSR. SUDANESE COMPLAIN RUSSIANS STARTED STRONG BUT THEN REVEALED LACK OF INTEREST BY OVERLY-MODEST FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS. I HOPE WE WILL AVOID THIS PITFALL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE INTEND PROVIDE SEPARATE NOTE TO FONOFF IN CONNECTION WITH POSITION FOR SUDANESE OFFICER AT CGSC AT FT. LEVENWORTH AND ORIENTATION TOUR FOR TWO SENIOR OFFICERS SINCE THESE PROGRAMS WILL HAVE PARTICULAR IMPACT AT HIGHEST LEVELS GOS. HOWEVER, WE NOTE NEITHER PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED IN CDRTRADOC MESSAGE CITED PARA 2, THOUGH FUNDING EVIDENTLY AUTHORIZED (PAR 2 USCINCEUR 191327Z NOV 76). ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED CONFIRM BY CABLE THAT WE MAY NOW RPT NOW FORMALLY OFFER POSITION FOR SUDANESE OFFICER AT CGSC COURSE BEGINNING NEXT SUMMER AND THAT WE AUTHORIZED EXTEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO TWO SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS FOR ORIENTATION TOUR OF US. BREWER
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